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SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, the number of employees retrenched from this society? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information regarding the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" It very often happens that answers are given long after or sometimes months after they are prepared in the office and the actual state of affairs are quite different on the day when the answers are given. Even now, the Hon. Minister said that the Government are considering the proposal. But one hon. Member who is expected to know something about it said that all except one resolution have been conceded by the Government. Will the Hon. Minister examine the question and if it is a fact that one prayer has been rejected, may I know, if he will concede that also? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The matter will be considered."

Separate Revenue division for Kollegal taluk

* 1064 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to convert Kollegal taluk into a separate Revenue division?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" In view of the fact that Kollegal taluk is separated from its Revenue Divisional headquarters by about 72 miles, may I know whether the Government will take up the question of converting Kollegal taluk into a separate revenue division and pass orders favourably? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If the hon. Member makes a prima facie case for it, it will be examined."

Shifting of the office of District Educational Officer, South Malabar

* 1065 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the office of the District Educational Officer, South Malabar, from Shoranur; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—(*a*) Yes Sir. The office is to be shifted from Shoranur to Palghat.

" (*b*) Palghat is considered to be better suited to be the headquarters for the office than Shoranur."

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DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the Government once refused to consider shifting to Palghat and accepted offers of houses for the location of District Educational Office and whether the Hon. Minister is also aware of the fact that Shoranur is the most central place for the southern region and that it would be inconvenient for the rest of the region to go to Palghat which is at one end? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In this region, four taluks are included. We find that Palghat has the maximum number of secondary schools located in that taluk. Headmatters and correspondents of secondary schools were consulted. They were in favour of shifting the headquarters of the office of the District Educational Officer, South Malabar, from Shoranur to Palghat. Considering all these facts, it has been decided to shift the headquarters from Shoranur to Palghat."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" As Shoranur has got better communication facilities than Palghat, will the Government continue to have the office at Shoranur itself? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Palghat has got advantages from the point of view communications also. It is connected by train and also by road, to the various parts of the other taluks. Therefore, as far as the question of communications is concerned, Palghat is advantageously situated."

Absorbtion of the staff of the acquired electrical undertakings in Government service

* 1066 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Electrical Engineers of the acquired local authorities electrical undertakings were absorbed in the State service; and

(*b*) whether their emoluments are on a par with their counterparts in the State service?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—(*a*) Electrical Engineers who were working in local authority electrical undertakings acquired by the Government have been provisionally taken over to Government service from the date on which the respective undertakings were acquired. These Engineers along with other members of the Madras Local Authorities Electrical Engineers Service are proposed to be regularly absorbed in separate branches of the Madras Electrical Service and the Madras Electrical Subordinate Service with effect from the 13th November 1952.

" (*b*) No, Sir. The matter is, however, under consideration."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" May I know, Sir, why such a discriminatory treatment is accorded to employees serving municipal electrical understandings especially in view of the fact that selection of Engineers for both the Government and municipal services were made by the Chief Engineer for Electricity? "